

SEASONABLE
QUERIES

Relating to the

Popish Inhabitants,

OF

IRELAND.

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Seasonable Queries, &c.

QUERY, 1.

WHETHER the Cultivation of *useful Arts*, and the Extension of *Commercial Interests*, be not at present, *the grand Object* with European Nations; as the *firmest* Foundation of Power?

QUERY, 2.

WHETHER the Spirit of Commerce hath not given a new Security to personal Property in every Country, and produced a mighty Revolution in Mens Thoughts, Affections and Occupations?

QUERY, 3.

WHETHER *Ireland*, emerging out of Indigence, should not dread *falling back*; and whether it should not avail itself of the New Maxims by which other Nations flourish?

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QUERY, 4.

WHETHER *Penal Laws*, when their proper Object of *Civil Evil* doth not exist, can tend to the Prosperity of *Ireland* ?

QUERY, 5.

WHETHER *Insecurity* to Labour and Industry, doth not chill every human Faculty, and extinguish the Predilection which Men naturally bear to the Land of their Birth ?

QUERY, 6.

WHETHER we do not purchase the *Incapacities* on *Papists*, at an higher Price, than was ever yet paid, by any other *Protestant Nation* on Earth ?

QUERY, 7.

WHETHER Penalties on *Religious Error* ought not to be limited by the Degree of *Civil Guilt*, which such Error demonstrably includes ; and whether Excess (in such a Case) doth not tend to Destruction ?

QUERY, 8.

WHETHER the *Papists* of *Ireland* are not charged with *Civil* and *Religious Error* which they absolutely renounce ?

QUERY, 9.

SHOULD the *Papists* of this Country, like those of *Lower Saxony*, profess no *Civil Principles*,
injurious

injurious to Protestant Establishments; How far are *such Men* proper Objects of legal Incapacities and Insecurity?

QUERY, 10.

SHOULD *Irish Papists* profess no *Civil Principles*, but what are *useful to Protestant Establishments*; may not such Subjects be intitled to such a legal Security in *Ireland*, as they have obtained in his Majesty's Dominions in *Lower Saxony*?

QUERY, 11.

WHETHER the *Papists of Ireland* who (by Law) can enjoy no other than a *transient Property*; should not be *permitted* to enjoy such Property without Fear?

QUERY, 12.

WHETHER Insecurity to *transient Property*, doth not in that Instance, throw *the Proprietors* absolutely, out of the Protection of the Laws?

QUERY, 13.

SHOULD such a considerable Body of innoxious Men, obtain but a *precarious Security* for the Produce of *Labour and Industry*, how far will a Country *depending on Labour and Industry*, be advantaged thereby?

QUERY, 14.

WOULD not the Refusal of a *legal Security* to such a People amount to a Declaration, that *Ireland*
is

is not their *proper Home*, and that they should seek it in Countries, which *Royal Compassion* may point out to them?

Q U E R Y, 15.

W H E T H E R a People so *useless* as the *Papists of Ireland*, may not be rendered *useful*, by some *legal Security* at home, or (if that *ought not* to be granted,) by a *Legislative Establishment* in some of the *unoccupied Parts*, of his Majesty's Dominions?

Q U E R Y, 16.

W H E T H E R any *Subjects in Europe*, have held a more dutiful, peaceful and submissive Conduct, than the *Papists of Ireland* for near eighty Years past?

Q U E R Y, 17.

W H E T H E R such a Conduct be not a good Earnest of their future Loyalty, either at home or abroad?

Q U E R Y, 18.

W H E T H E R the *principal* civil Injury of *Papists*, doth not proceed from legal Incapacities, loaded with Insecurity?

Q U E R Y, 19.

W H E T H E R the Prosperity of *Ireland* must not be in Proportion to the Labour, Industry, Co-operation and *Security* of all its Inhabitants?

Q U E R Y, 20.

W H E T H E R *Penal Laws*, without their proportionate Object of *civil Guilt*, can tend to the Prosperity of *Ireland*?

Q U E R Y,

QUERY, 21.

WHETHER the exposing Papists to Insecurity, (relatively to temporary Property) *can serve the Protestant Interest?*

QUERY, 22.

WHETHER the new Construction of our Popery Laws, "That Papists cannot recover a *temporary* Property by the usual Method of *extending* real Property in Land." was ever in the Intention of the Legislature?

QUERY, 23.

WHETHER since the Establishment of the Laws which deprive *Papists* of *real* Property, any *one* Instance can be produced of their *realizing* a *single Foot of Land*, under the Cover of an *Elegit* or *Custodiam*: And whether *Papists* had not as good Opportunities for so doing, these sixty Years past, *as they can possibly have hereafter?*

* ADDITIONAL QUERIES.

QUERY, 1.

WHETHER the Roman Catholic Clergy of *Ireland* have not, for many Years past, preached Civil Obedience to the present Government?

QUERY, 2.

WHETHER in the Year 1762, they have not in their Places of Divine Worship, given the strongest Test of Civil Obedience to the present Government?

* See a Pamphlet just Published, intitled *a Brief Examination*, &c.

QUERY, 3.

W H E T H E R it be not an Untruth that they have or ever had a Pope's Legate in *Ireland*, who passed Censures on the Loyalty of such a Conduct?

QUERY, 4.

W H E T H E R Writers on *so important a Subject* as that of the PUBLIC INTEREST, should not found their Assertions on FACTS, not on GROUNDLESS REPORTS?

QUERY, 5.

W H E T H E R any Reasoning on Earth, can overturn the stubborn Evidence of Facts?

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